

ROCKLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE
ROCKLAND TOWN HALL
ROCKLAND, MA 02370

November 3, 2009

In attendance at the November 3, 2009 Finance Committee meeting were Bill Allen, Rachel Gear, John Ellard, Rich Penney, Bob MacDonald, Joe Gambon, Dolores Baronas, Ian Curran, Caryn Stevens and Paula Ferguson.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairman John Ellard.

A motion was made by Bill Allen and seconded by Bob MacDonald to accept the minutes from the October 21, 2009 meeting. A unanimous vote was taken.

Article for reconsideration were discussed.

Article II was tabled from the last meeting. Town Administrator, Allan Chioca presented the need for this article to fund the previous employee's sick leave buy back of 135 days as writtin in their contract. A motion was made by Rich Penney, seconded by Rachel Gear to accept this article. A unanimous vote was taken.

Article III: Allan Chiocca presented this article and Town Accountant Eric Hart discussed how we spent \$33,000 on the state ordered work on the land fill thereby revealing the need to increase this article from past years from \$25,000 to \$30,000. A motion was made by Bob MacDonald and seconded by Rich Penney. A unanimous vote was taken.

Article IV: A motion was made to reconsider this article by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Ian Curran. A unanimous vote was taken. Under reconsideration, it was presented that the Town Accountant's Department has an increased burden with town collector's issues, assessor's issues and computer issues. The auditors report has increased responsibilities and thereby putting a strain on this department for additional clerical staffing hours. A motion was made by Bill Allen to accept this motion, seconded by Caryn Stevens. Bob MacDonald and Ian Curran opposed this article causing a 7 to 2 vote.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned to Special Town meeting at 7:00.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in the UPPER conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ferguson
Secretary
Rockland Finance Committee